

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003. Claims 7-18 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 7-18 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 7 and 13 have been amended. Claims 7-18 thus remain for consideration.

Applicant submits that claims 7-18 are in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

**§103 Rejections**

Claims 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson (U.S. Patent No. 6,516,466) and Wegrzyn (U.S. Patent No. 5,729,540) and further in view of Salomaki (WO 97/28649).

Claims 9 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson, Wegrzyn and Salomaki and further in view of Kariya (U.S. Patent No. 6,169,897).

Claims 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson, Wegrzyn and Salomaki and further in view of Bowen (U.S. Patent No. 6,052,606).

Applicant submits that the independent claims (claims 7 and 13) are patentable over Jackson, Wegrzyn, Salomaki, Kariya and Bowen.

Applicant's invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward a mobile communication device and an information providing system including such a device. Each of the claims specifies that the mobile communication device is operable to transmit and receive information signals to and from a base station via radio waves, and to encrypt received information signals and to store the encrypted signals in a removable semiconductor memory. The claims further recite that "said removable semiconductor memory is formed of an integrated

circuit (IC) card having a built-in nonvolatile flash read only memory (ROM) capable of electrically reading and writing.”

Neither Jackson, Wegrzyn, Salomaki, Kariya nor Bowen discloses a mobile communication device operable to encrypt received information signals and store the encrypted signals in a removable semiconductor memory, whereby the memory is formed of an integrated circuit (IC) card having a built-in nonvolatile flash read only memory (ROM) capable of electrically reading and writing. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 7 and 13 are patentable over Jackson, Wegrzyn, Salomaki, Kariya and Bowen - taken either alone or in combination - on at least this basis.

Claims 8-12 depend on claim 7. Since claim 7 is believed to be patentable over the cited references, claims 8-12 are believed to be patentable over the cited references on the basis of their dependency on claim 7.

Claims 14-18 depend on claim 13. Since claim 13 is believed to be patentable over the cited references, claims 14-18 are believed to be patentable over the cited references on the basis of their dependency on claim 13.

Applicant submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather,

these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicant's undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

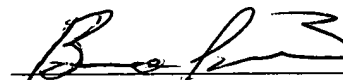
The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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